



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Gavin et al.,** Art Unit No.: **1651**  
Application No.: **09/927,824** Examiner: **Vera Afremova**  
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For: **CRYOPRESERVATION OF SPERM**

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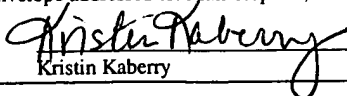
**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003 in connection with the above identified application. A response to the August 8, 2003 Final Rejection was due February 8, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time being filed herewith, this Amendment After Final is being timely filed. Please also note the Notice of Appeal filed herewith. In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

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